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Updates to COD Technical Reference		
Section	Change(s) Made	Page(s)
Volume I – Getting Started		
Volume I, Table of Contents	Updated page numbers for Section 3 – COD Overview.	I – i
Volume I, Section 2 – Overview of Changes	Formatted section to account for future Technical Reference changes incorporating COD system changes with regard to the Higher Education Reconciliation Act (HERA) of 2005.	throughout
Volume I, Section 2 – Overview of Changes	Added high-level summary of COD system changes resulting from the Higher Education Reconciliation Act (HERA) of 2005.	I – 2 – 2
Volume I, Section 3 – COD Overview	Updated the COD Overview section to discuss COD future capability with regard to the two new Higher Education Reconciliation Act (HERA) grant programs: Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) and National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grant.	I – 3 – 1
Volume I, Section 3 – COD Overview	Updated the COD Overview section to discuss COD future capability with regard to the new Graduate and Professional Student loan (Grad PLUS) resulting from the Higher Education Reconciliation Act (HERA) of 2005.	I – 3 – 1
Volume I, Section 3 – COD Overview	Added note indicating that credit checks for Grad PLUS loan borrowers can be performed on the COD web site.	I – 3 – 4
Volume II – Common Record Full Participant Technical Reference		
Volume II, Table of Contents	Updated page numbers and headings for the following sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Section 1 – Full Participant Implementation Guide o Section 2 – Full Participant Message Classes 	throughout
Volume II, Section 1 – Full Participant Implementation Guide	Updated the Business Rules for MPNs to indicate that the COD System will begin accepting PLUS MPNs for Grad PLUS on July 1, 2006.	II – 1 – 109
Volume II, Section 1 – Full Participant Implementation Guide	Added the Business Rules Unique to PLUS MPNs for Grad PLUS section.	II – 1 – 111
Volume II, Section 1 – Full Participant Implementation Guide	Updated the following sections to indicate that certain COD System functionality is applicable to the PLUS MPN: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Master Promissory Note Features o Multi-Year MPN Feature o Schools Opting for Single-Year MPN Feature o Single-Loan MPN Feature (PLUS and Grad PLUS Only) o Master Promissory Note Printing Process o Submitting a Promissory Note Print Code 	II – 1 – 113 II – 1 – 113 II – 1 – 114 II – 1 – 115 II – 1 – 116 II – 1 – 121

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Linking an MPN to a Direct Loan Subsidized Grad PLUS or PLUS Award ○ Closing MPNs ○ Generating a Master Promissory Note Response ○ Requesting a PLUS and Grad PLUS Credit Decision ○ Credit Decision Appeal Process ○ Generating Credit Decision Override Responses 	II - 1 - 123 II - 1 - 134 II - 1 - 134 II - 1 - 137 II - 1 - 137 II - 1 - 138
Volume II, Section 1 - Full Participant Implementation Guide	Updated Multi-Year MPN Feature Business Rules to clarify multi-year MPN not linkage across schools and academic years for Subsidized/Unsubsidized, Grad PLUS, and PLUS loans.	II - 1 - 114
Volume II, Section 1 - Full Participant Implementation Guide	Updated the Business Rules Specific to Printing the PLUS MPN section to indicate that characters 19-21 of the MPN ID refer to the MPN Sequence Number rather than the Award Sequence Number.	II - 1 - 120
Volume II, Section 1 - Full Participant Implementation Guide	Added the Business Rules Specific to Printing the PLUS MPN Grad PLUS section.	II - 1 - 120
Volume II, Section 1 - Full Participant Implementation Guide	Added the Business Rules Specific to Linking the PLUS MPN for Grad PLUS section.	II - 1 - 128
Volume II, Section 1 - Full Participant Implementation Guide	Updated the Single-Year (SY) Feature Linking Business Rules section to indicate the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Multiple Grad PLUS awards from the same school and academic year can link to one PLUS MPN for Grad PLUS ○ Grad PLUS awards from different academic years can not be linked to the same PLUS MPN for Grad PLUS 	II - 1 - 131
Volume II, Section 1 - Full Participant Implementation Guide	Added note to indicate that the COD System will not perform another credit check on a Grad PLUS Borrower if 90 days have elapsed provided that the Grad PLUS award is accepted by the COD System by January 18, 2006.	II - 1 - 137
Volume II, Section 2 - Full Participant Message Classes	Added note indicating that future updates to the COD Technical Reference will include message class information specific to processing the ACG and National SMART programs.	II - 2 - 2
Volume II, Section 2 - Full Participant Message Classes	Added the Academic Competitive Grant (ACG) Full Participant Report Message Classes section. Incorporated message class information for the ACG ESOA report.	II - 2 - 7

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Volume II, Section 2 – Full Participant Message Classes	Added the National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grant Full Participant Report Message Classes section. Incorporated message class information for the ACG and National SMART ESOA reports.	II – 2 – 7
Volume II, Section 3 – Common Record Layout	Field 104 Year-to-Date Disbursement Amount – Clarified that this amount is for single school.	II – 3 – 35
Volume II, Section 4 – Full Participant Edits	Edit 116 – Changed the block level from Person to Award.	II – 4 – 32
Volume III – Direct Loan & Pell Grant Combination System Supplement		
Volume V – School Testing Guide		
Volume V, Section 2 – COD Full Participant Test Cases	Within Test Loan Profile section, clarified that Case #1, Student #1 has an award amount of \$4050.	V – 2 – 8
Volume V, Section 2 – COD Full Participant Test Cases	Within Case #7, Step 35 – changed the PLUS loan award amount to \$2000 to correspond with the Test Loan Profile for Case #7 on Page 8 of this section.	V – 2 – 32
Volume V, Section 2 – COD Full Participant Test Cases	Within Case #8, Step 46 – changed the Unsub loan award amount to \$4000 to correspond with the Test Loan Profile for Case #8 on Page 9 of this section.	V – 2 – 36
Volume VI – Appendices		
Volume VI, Table of Contents	Updated the page numbers and headings for the following sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Section 2 – Funding Methods ○ Section 7 – Print Specifications and Forms ○ Section 8 – Reports 	VI – i
Volume VI, Section 1 – Glossary	Added definitions for the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Academic Competitive Grant (ACG) Program ○ National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grant Program 	VI – 1 – 1 VI – 1 – 10
Volume VI, Section 1 – Glossary	Updated the following definitions to include the Grad PLUS loan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Credit Check ○ Direct Loan Program ○ Endorser ○ Master Promissory Note (MPN) ○ MPN ID 	VI – 1 – 5 VI – 1 – 6 VI – 1 – 7 VI – 1 – 10 VI – 1 – 10
Volume VI, Section 2 – Funding Methods	Updated the Current Funding Level (CFL) Business Rules to indicate that CFL information for ACG and National SMART schools will be available on the COD web site shortly thereafter July 29, 2006.	VI – 2 – 1
Volume VI, Section 2 – Funding Methods	Updated subheading to Funding Methods from Funding Methods.	VI – 2 – 2

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Volume VI, Section 2 – Funding Methods	Added note to indicate that all ACG and National SMART schools will use the Advanced Funded method. Schools with a stop pay monitoring status for the Pell Program will assume that status for the ACG and National SMART Programs.	VI – 2 – 2
Volume VI, Section 2 – Funding Methods	Added Funding Controls subheading.	VI – 2 – 2
Volume VI, Section 2 – Funding Methods	Updated Advanced Funded Business Rules to indicate that ACG and National SMART schools' initial CFL will be determined by Federal Student Aid. Added bullet indicating that ACG and National SMART schools can submit an actual disbursement up to seven days before the disbursement date.	VI – 2 – 3
Volume VI, Section 2 – Funding Methods	Updated the Cash Monitoring 1 (HCM1) Business Rules to indicate that the initial CFL for ACG and National SMART schools will be determined by Federal Student Aid.	VI – 2 – 4
Volume VI, Section 2 – Funding Methods	Updated the Cash Monitoring 2 (HCM2) Business Rules to indicate the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ACG and National SMART schools do not receive an initial CFL ○ The FSA School Participation Team initiates the drawdown through GAPS upon review of required documentation 	VI – 2 – 5
Volume VI, Section 2 – Funding Methods	Updated the Cash Monitoring 2 (HCM2) Business Rules to indicate the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ACG and National SMART schools do not receive an initial CFL ○ The FSA School Participation Team initiates the drawdown through GAPS upon review of required documentation 	VI – 2 – 6
Volume VI, Section 2 – Funding Methods	Added the Relationship between ACG and National SMART Grant Processing Options and Funding Methods table.	VI – 2 – 8
Volume VI, Section 7 – Print Specifications and Forms	Added the ESOA Print Specifications for ACG and National SMART Grants.	VI – 7 – 39
Volume VI, Section 7 – Print Specifications and Forms	Added the following Direct Loan forms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HERA Addendum for Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan MPN 	VI – 7 – 22
	○ HERA Addendum for Direct PLUS Loan MPN	VI – 7 – 26
	○ HERA Addendum for Direct Grad PLUS Loan MPN	VI – 7 – 31

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revised Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan Plain Language Disclosure (PLD) ○ Revised Direct PLUS Loan Plain Language Disclosure (PLD) ○ Revised Direct Grad PLUS Plain Language Disclosure (PLD) 	VI - 7 - 46 VI - 7 - 49 VI - 7 - 52
Volume VI, Section 8 - COD Reports	For Pell Data Requests, Positions 54-76 are not unused and are used for the Origination ID. The valid field values are in the Record Layout.	VI - 8 - 11
Volume VI, Section 8 - COD Reports	For the Multiple Reporting Recording, Positions 386-395, the "2 nd " value is no longer used for Verification Status = W, and is now reserved for future use. In addition, the valid values are either "0" meaning flag is not set, or "1" meaning flag is set.	VI - 8 - 35
Volume VI, Section 8 - COD Reports	Added a note to clarify that the Pell POP Report is only sent to schools that week if they currently have at least one student in POP.	VI - 8 - 72
Volume VI, Section 8 - COD Reports	Added Academic Competitive Grant (ACG) Reports section. Added the ESOA Report information for the ACG Program.	VI - 8 - 230
Volume VI, Section 8 - COD Reports	Added National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grant Reports section. Added the ESOA Report information for the National SMART Program.	VI - 8 - 239